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Upon instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to send to you the English and Portuguese texts of the statement made by the representatives of the delegations of Portugal, the Russian Federation and the United States of America in Lisbon, on 10 September 1993, concerning the situation in Angola, and to request that this be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Joint statement dated 10 September 1993

1. Representatives of the observer countries of the Angolan peace process, Portugal, Russia and the United States of America, met today in Lisbon to discuss the situation in Angola.

2. The delegations noted with concern that, as a result of the military offensive of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), the war in Angola is intensifying, resulting in legitimate efforts by the Government of the Republic of Angola to defend itself. They once more reaffirmed that the solution of the Angolan conflict will have to be found in a negotiated settlement leading to genuine national reconciliation.

3. The delegations stressed their Governments' satisfaction with the initiatives undertaken by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Angola to persuade UNITA's leader to return to the negotiating table, on the basis of the "Acordos de Paz", the results of the September 1992 elections and the additional principles reached in Abidjan.

4. Having in mind the next Security Council meeting on Angola, the delegations agreed upon recommendations to their respective Governments as to the measures to be proposed to the Security Council to undercut UNITA's ability to pursue war and to make it explicit to UNITA that it must resume negotiations.

5. The delegations gave special attention to the tragic humanitarian situation in Angola as well as to the drama of all foreign citizens trapped in the areas of conflict. They demanded the immediate release of all foreigners held captive by UNITA.

6. They voiced their appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the United Nations in order to alleviate the suffering of the victims of the conflict and expressed extreme concern over the difficulties and incidents that continue to disrupt the distribution of humanitarian relief.

7. The delegations of the Russian Federation and of the United States expressed their gratitude to the Government of Portugal for its hospitality.